

## Irish News

### ANTRIM—Toleration in Belfast

Representatives of Protestant thought and opinion from the North seldom tire of dilating on the virtues of toleration. (writes a Dublin correspondent). They paint in lurid colors the alleged intolerance of Catholics, and proclaim loudly the generous spirit which animates Protestants towards those who differ from them in religion. The following statistics quoted by Mr. John Gore, solicitor, in the course of a lecture delivered in the Boys' Brigade Hall, Falls-road, Belfast, throws a flood of light on the question. The average amount paid yearly in salaries by the Belfast Corporation is £77,000, out of which Catholics get £3600. The Belfast Poor-Law Guardians spend £10,865 yearly in salaries, of which Catholics get £170. The Belfast Harbour Commissioners pay £210 to Catholics out of £7908, which they spend yearly; while the Belfast Water Commissioners, to show the spirit of religious toleration with which they are imbued, actually pay £150 yearly to Catholic employees out of £3524 which they expend.

### ARMAGH—Death of a Religious

Deep regret was felt in Lurgan when it became known that Mother Mary de Sales had passed away. Mother Mary de Sales had spent the twenty-nine years of her religious profession in Lurgan Convent, and, as a token of the respect in which she was held by the Sisters of the Community of Mercy, she was selected to fill the responsible position of Superioress no less than four times. Deceased was a sister of Very Rev. Canon M'Geeney, P.P., Crossmaglen, County Armagh.

### A Vivid Picture

Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., tells with brief emphasis in the 'Manchester Guardian' the story of the North Armagh election—contest it cannot be called:—What does it mean? Simply this—the old dread of Home Rule has been revived. All the machinery of 1886 has been furnished up afresh. Men were told that the dreaded 'Papists' were to be put over them, that their farms would be divided up amongst their neighbors, that their religion would be proscribed, and the Inquisition revived. It is hardly understandable outside the Orange area. But there it is. Mr. Crawford and Mr. Sloan have never once been allowed to address a meeting. Terrorism has everywhere prevailed.

### DERRY—Nationalist Gains

A report issued by the Derry Nationalist Registration Association shows the result of the late revision to be highly satisfactory. In every ward there is a Nationalist gain, varying from 139 in the West Ward to 397 in the Waterside. Before the revision the Unionist majority in the borough was 2087. That majority has been cut down to 545, a net Nationalist gain of 1542.

### DUBLIN—Dean of Faculty

At a meeting of the Medical Faculty of the Catholic University School of Medicine, Cecilia street, Dublin, recently, Dr. D. J. Coffey was unanimously elected Dean of Faculty for the year 1906-7.

### The Unemployed

Owing to lack of employment in Dublin, close on 16,000 persons are receiving relief under the poor-law system, while many thousands are being helped by the Roomkeepers' Society and other charitable bodies.

### A Bequest from New Zealand

The Trustees of the Irish Parliamentary Fund acknowledge having received through the High Commissioner for New Zealand the sum of £102 12s 2d, a bequest, with interest, under the will of Mr. Thomas Gartland, Wellington, New Zealand.

### Bequest to Dublin Charities

The late Mrs. Lewis Hill, widow of Mr. S. Lewis, the London money lender, has, among other bequests, left a sum of £10,000 to the Lord Mayor of Dublin to found a winter distress fund.

### A New Zealand Visitor

We take the following from an Irish exchange:—The Rev. Father Marnane, S.M., Christchurch, New Zealand, who has been enjoying a well-earned holiday in Ireland after an absence from it of twenty years, will leave Queenstown on December 30 for his distant mission.

### Mitigating the Vice of Intemperance

Addressing the Grand Jury at the Dublin Quarter Sessions the Recorder said the cases to go before them were all of a class inseparable from the life of great communities. There was a freedom from the grosser and more serious forms of crime, and his Lordship urged that the surest and best mode of mitigating the vice of intemperance was the decent housing and the betterment of our toiling masses.

### GALWAY—Ancient Monuments

In a recent lecture at Manchester University on the ancient ecclesiastical civilisation of Ireland, Professor Kuno Meyer spoke of the wealth of the monuments scattered over the country. Apropos of this, a correspondent of the 'Manchester Guardian,' who has recently spent a holiday on the west coast, expresses his astonishment at what he saw on Aran Mor, one of the Aran Islands, in the mouth of Galway Bay. 'Up to the seventeenth century,' he writes, 'Aran was a great centre of Christian light and learning. Ruins of ancient oratories and churches are scattered here and there—usually structures of bare, massive walls, with high-pitched gables. There is one on the top of the limestone hill above the Bay of Kill Enda. More extraordinary and far older are the mysterious forts of Aran. They are described in Lord Dunraven's book on Irish architecture as the earliest examples of architecture known to exist in Western Europe, excepting those whose primary object was sepulchral.' There are great walls of Cyclopean masonry continuing the line of the mighty walls of cliff that stand as bastions to the battering of the Atlantic.

### LIMERICK—Death of a Priest

The death has occurred of the Rev. James M'Coy, P.P., Bulgadan, Kilmallock. The deceased priest was over seventy years of age, and had been ill for a considerable time.

### MAYO—The Cause of Much Disturbance

Mr. W. Duffy, M.P., in the House of Commons on November 28 introduced the Clanricarde Expropriation Bill, providing for the compulsory acquisition of the Clanricarde property. He said Clanricarde, since his succession to the property, had been cruel and a constant scourge to tenants and to the whole district where his property is situated. The Premier said he was not surprised that such a Bill had been introduced. The most extreme advocate of the Rights of Property could not justify Clanricarde's conduct, which had undoubtedly contributed to disturbance and envenomed the relations of parties. It was obvious that at this time of the year the Bill could go no further, but it would serve to ventilate the feeling which undoubtedly existed. It would be for the House to deal with the Bill as it thought best. On the question being put permission was given, with only three dissentients—Messrs. Moore, Craig, and Lonsdale—who response to the Speaker's request rose in their places, amidst loud laughter, Mr. Duffy was loudly cheered as he brought in the Bill.

### MEATH—A Gift from the Holy Father

Mr. Michael Smith, of Peterville House, Moynalty, County Meath, and Charleville Avenue, Dublin, who was recently the recipient of a letter from Pope Pius X. with a special blessing for his charity and generosity in connection with Church matters, especially in regard to the new chapel at his native place, has received a further expression of the Holy Father's goodwill. This takes the form of a massive virgin gold ring set with diamonds and rubies, with bust of the Pope in relief on the seal, and bearing the inscription, 'Pius X.'

### ROSCOMMON—Complimentary Banquet

The Rev. Dr. Cummins was the guest of the parishioners of Roscommon parish on November 21, at a banquet in his honor in the Council Chamber of the Courthouse in recognition of his services in behalf of the New Church Funds in America, which he had visited for the third time with the same object, collecting in all a sum of £10,000. The Right Rev. Mgr. M'Laughlin presided, and there were almost 100 guests present, including the priests of the Deanery and representative men of town and country. The dinner was in charge of a committee of local ladies. Mr. T. A. P. Mapother, D.L., read an address to Rev. Dr. Cummins.

### SLIGO—The Commission of the Peace

The Lord Chancellor for Ireland has appointed to the Commission of the Peace for County Sligo Mr. John S. Gallagher, son of Mr. James Gallagher, Cloonrone, Curry, County Sligo.